

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
May 2, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Jasper Arts Center with President Michael Jones presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present**: Gerald Gagne, Robin Norris, Don Routson, Michael Jones, Sylvia Metzger, Myra Schuetter, Pat Thyen and Don Weisheit. **Commission Members Absent**: Doug Abbett, Mickey Seger, and Ann Hilgefert. **Staff Members Present**: Darla Blazey, Doreen Lechner, Donna Schepers, Kit Miracle, and Kelley Leuck. **Regional Services Coordinator**: Jill Watson. **Guests in Attendance**: City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein and councilman Ray Howard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Myra Schuetter moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2006 meeting, **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Financial Statement

Jerry Gagne moved to approve the financial statement. **Don Routson** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

City Claims and Regional Partnership Grant Claims

City claims in the amount of \$11,402.16 were presented. Regional Partnership Grant claims in the amount of \$1,600.00 were presented. After conclusion of discussion, it was moved by **Jerry Gagne** to accept the claims as presented. **Don Routson** seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Jerry Gagne stated that the city would be putting up a 50 ft tall severe weather and city siren on JCAC property. Discussion was held concerning where to place the siren. It was decided to have Jerry and Darla meet to discuss the proper placement of the siren.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Visual Arts Report

Kit reported.

- The Dubois County Art Guild exhibit was very well attended.
- Sign up for the 4H ceramics class and ARTventures classes is being held.
- The Azalea Patch painting event was held last Saturday.
- Kit will provide the formal line up for next year's Gallery exhibits at the next board meeting. Exhibits will include 3 painters, a group photography exhibit, a clay artist and the quilters' guild.

Education Report

Donna reported.

- Donna and Darla are finalizing the artists selections for the 2006/2007 Education and Family Fun Series.
- Joshua Kane is tentatively scheduled to perform Gothic at Midnight in October 2006 on the Backstage series. He would also provide three shows at the high school level to tie in with the Education Series.
- Rachel Price is scheduled to perform on the Backstage Series on January 28, 2007. She will also be teaching a master class at the high school the next day.
- In February 2007, Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience will perform on the Backstage Series. He will also provide educational offering for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students.
- Yu Wei, a Chinese dancer, would round out the Backstage Series and would also perform for 7th grade students.

- The Family Fun Series shows have been tentatively scheduled. They include: Evansville Youth Orchestra in the fall of 2006, "A Christmas Carol" on December 3, 2006 and "Seussical—The Musical" on March 17, 2007.
- Additional Education Series performances include: "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Bad Day" and "Peter and the Wolf" for elementary students and The Clayton Miller Blues Band for high school students.
- The Education Committee recommended providing several mini residencies at the middle school level. Regional performances would be held in conjunction with these artists. Jerry Gagne approved the tentative Education, Backstage and Family Fun Series shows. Don Routson seconded. Motion passed 8-0.

Building and Structures Report

Doreen reported.

- Community groups and businesses are increasingly using the Arts Center. Several rentals are coming up.
- The area 4-H Share the Fun will be held next Friday. There are eleven counties participating, including 33 acts.
- The VUJC Battle of the Bands will be held on May 13th. There are six bands scheduled to perform.
- Hodgini will be having their annual rehearsals and recitals on May 31-June 1.
- The WBDC Country Music Showdown will be on June 8th.
- ACT and Dance Central are also rentals that will be this summer.

Region 11 Report

Jill reported.

- Jill is coordinating three upcoming workshops. The Arts Advocacy Workshop with speaker Eric Rogers will be on May 22nd at 6:30 pm. Two workshop will be held on June 6th. This is also the day of the next JCAC board meeting. There will be one workshop from 3:00 to 4:30 pm and a second one at 5:30-7:00 pm. Board members were invited to attend. Any non-profit agency is welcome to attend.
- The grant panel review will be held on May 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Board members were asked to assist and contact Jill if available.

Performing Arts Report

Darla reported.

- The Friends of the Arts held their meeting on April 26th. They will be giving the JCAC \$38,000.00 for fiscal year 2007, payable in June 2007. This amount is down from last year, due to less donations received during their annual campaign.
- Darla and Donna will be attending an Indiana Presenters' Network meeting at the Red Skelton Center for the Performing Arts in Vincennes on May 8th.

Chalk Walk Arts Festival Report

Darla reported.

- There have been 300 people pre-register for the Chalk Walk as of May 2nd. This is 125 more registrations from last year.
- Volunteers are needed for the day. Board members were asked to help out at the registration booth, especially during the busiest time, between 8:30 and 11:00 am.
- Volunteers are also needed to help stuff the bags for the pre-registered participants on Friday May 5th at the Arts Center.
- There are approximately 20 artists signed up to participate in the Arts Market; several food vendors will be there. There are 30 high school students registered to chalk and several adult artists as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- The committee is awaiting a fully executed contract with Universal Design so more planning can be done.
- Myra Schuetter reported she has talked to Jan Stenftenagel, who was chairperson of the last visit by ARTrain in 1981. Tri Kappa Sorority sponsored the event at the time. Schuetter stated that the cost to bring ARTrain to Jasper in 2007 would be approximately \$15,000.00 if no admission fee would be charged. Discussion was held about possibly receiving a state grant to help offset the cost. Schuetter stated she would continue to research the possibility of ARTrain coming to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Darla reported.

- Darla will be interviewing for the summer intern and should be able to introduce the intern at the next board meeting. The board consented to the hiring process.
- Mike Jones stated that the board has met several of the 1-year goals that were set.
- Mike also encouraged board members to meet with members of the city council about the JCAC's plans for renovation and expansion.

Adjournment

Jerry Gagne made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37pm, **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 8-0. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday June 6, 2006, at 4:30 pm.

Mike Jones – President

Attested